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1. TEN OFFICIAL AMERICANS DEPARTED VIENTIANE BY COMMERCIAL AIR,
ATTACHE PLANE, OR SURFACE TO THAILAND MAY 29.

2. ALL IVS CONTRACTORS WERE INSTRUCTED TO DEPART NOT LATER THAN
MAY 29, 1975. BELIEVE DIRECTOR JAMES LINN AND REMAINING CONTRACTORS
HAVE NOW DEPARTED SINCE WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT THEM
TODAY. THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM COUNT.

3. CURRENT FIGURE FOR OFFICIAL AMERICANS STILL IN LAOS IS 161.

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4. WE CONTINUE TO SHOW A TOTAL OF 111 NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS. IT WAS AGAIN STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO ALL WHOM WE COULD LOCATE ON MAY 27 THAT THEY SEND OUT ALL DEPENDENTS AND ALL PRINCIPALS WHOSE PRESENCE IN LAOS IS NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL AT THIS TIME. THE 111 FIGURE MAY BE INFLATED SINCE PERSONS WHO HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE CONSULAR OFFICE DO NOT ALWAYS INFORM THAT OFFICE WHEN THEY ARE LEAVING; IN ADDITION, THE FIGURE INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF 35 UNKNOWN TO COVER WORLD TRAVELERS OR OTHER TOURISTS WHO MAY BE IN THE COUNTRY AND HAVE NOT REGISTERED.
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